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The Honorable Bill Hardiman, Chair  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS  
Michigan State Senate  
State Capitol  
Lansing, Michigan 48933

The Honorable Rick Shaffer, Chair  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS  
Michigan House of Representatives  
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Senator Hardiman and Representative Shaffer:

Section 501 of 2005 Public Act 147 (Enrolled Senate Bill No. 271) mandates that not more than 3,000 children supervised by the Department of Human Services remain in foster care longer than 24 months. It further requires a report to the legislature on the number of children supervised by the department and by private agencies who remain in foster care between 12 and 24 months, and those who remain in foster care longer than 24 months.

As of September 30, 2005, there were:

- 2,311 children in care for over 24 months.
- 2,807 children in care between 12 and 24 months.
- 931 children in care under the age of one.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Jim Hennessey, deputy director of Children's Services Administration, at (517) 335-6158.

Sincerely,

Marianne Udow

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